

# TED TALKS TUESDAY



## ***“Three Things I Learned While My Plane Crashed” by Ric Elias***

### Sample Outline:

*Goal of Talk: To share his personal story and life lessons from the plane crash that landed in the Hudson River in 2009*

#### The Scene:

- Loud noises
- Sitting in 1D, the only person by the flight attendants
  - “It’s just birds”

#### The Pilot:

- Lined up the plane with the Hudson River
- Turned off the engines
- “Brace for impact.”

#### Lessons Learned

- Life changes in an instant
  - Do not postpone plans
- He regretted wasting time on things that don’t matter
  - Eliminate negative energy
- Greatest goal: To be a great dad
  - “I wish I could watch my kids grow up.”

#### Challenge: Consider the life lessons

- What do you want to do that you are putting off?
- Are you wasting time or negative energy on anything?
- Are you being the best parent you can be?

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### Comprehension Questions:

#### **Yes/No**

1. Did the flight attendants know the plane was crashing right away? (no)
2. Was the plane lined up with the Mississippi River? (no)
3. Did the pilot tell the passengers to “Brace for impact”? (yes)
4. Did the speaker say his greatest goal was to be the best parent he could be? (yes)
5. Did the speaker urge listeners to avoid riding on planes? (no)

#### **Open-Ended**

1. What was special about the speaker’s seat location on the plane?
2. What was one thing the pilot did to prepare the plane for a crash landing?
3. What was one life lesson the speaker took away from the plane crash?
4. How did the speaker react at his young daughter’s school program?
5. What challenge did the speaker give to those listening?